I started my radio career at KYRS in Spokane, a community-run, volunteer operated LPFM, and found it to be an incredibly rewarding experience. In fact, being involved with the community in such a way, cemented my decision to STAY in this community. It instilled a sort of pride in me that every member of the community should have for a successful and rewarding community experience. I love the idea that the airways don't have to be dominated by commercial radio...and I work in commercial radio!

The airwaves SHOULD NEVER be dominated by one type of station or another, and LPFM takes up so little space OF COURSE there's room! We all need to learn to get along and play nice. We are talking about stations that will give highschool kids the opportunity to bring news from their community to their community. This is a tangible way to re-instill community awareness and to offer an opportunity to others to really feel accomplishments and PRIDE!!! LPFM is something that should absolutely be offered to every community in this great nation. Every citizen should have the availability to speak their mind, share what they know, share...share share! That's what this all boils down to. Here in

Spokane we have a medium market FULL of brute and competition...but we've found a way to live side by side, and to give way to a little LP sister as well. Belive me, LPFM is no competition for commercial radio, it simply offers a more ecclectic array of choices....and that, my friend, will keep you on your toes...driving

you to a better product anyway.

Thanks and take care! Stephanie Balkema